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FOL TEL SENT CAIRO, TEL AVIV, USUN NY FROM SECSTATE APRIL 25 TH:

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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF US POSITION ON SC MIDDLE EAST
DISCUSSION

1. ACCORDING FBIS MONITORING, CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE
23 APRIL REPORTED ZAYYAT AS SAYING ON ARRIVAL CAIRO THAT
ALL MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL WITH EXCEPTION OF UNITED
STATES APPROVED EGYPT' S PROPOSAL THAT MIDDLE EAST QUES-
TION BE DISCUSSED.

2. STERNER CALLED EGYPTIAN MINISTER KHALIL APRIL 25 TO
POINT OUT THAT, IF CAIRO RADIO REPORT RELIABLE, THIS WAS
NOT ACCURATE STATEMENT OF US POSITION. AS AMBASSADOR
SCALI HAD MADE CLEAR IN HIS BRIEF STATEMENT TO SECURITY
COUNCIL, USG RAISED NO FORMAL OBJECTION TO EGYPT' S
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF M. E. QUESTION. STERNER
SAID DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF KHALIL WOULD SET
RECORD STRAIGHT BY REPORTING OUR CLARIFICATION TO CAIRO.

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3. KHALIL SAID HE WOULD DO SO, BUT WONDERED WHETHER
" RAISING NO FORMAL OBJECTION" DID NOT HAVE CERTAIN LACK
OF ENTHUSIASM ABOUT IT. STERNER SAID THAT, AS AMBASSA-
DOR SCALI HAD INDICATED, WE WERE NOT CERTAIN ABOUT THE
USEFULNESS OF THE PROPOSED REVIEW, SINCE SO MANY
EXERCISES OF THIS NATURE IN THE PAST HAD LED TO UNPRO-
DUCTIVE RECRIMINATIONS. HOWEVER, IF ALL CONCERNED KEPT

SIGHT THAT OBJECTIVE WAS TO HELP GET A NEGOTIATING
PROCESS BETWEEN THE PARTIES STARTED, THE OUTCOME COULD
BE CONSTRUCTIVE. WE WOULD APPROACH DISCUSSION AS AN
OPPORTUNITY, AND HOPED OTHERS INVOLVED WOULD DO THE
SAME. ROGERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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